

REMARKS:

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 13, 14, 16, 19 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Esko et al.

As the examiner can see, claims 1, 13, 14 and 16 have been amended to be directed to N,N' diacetylglucosamine (chitobiose) and N,N', N'' triacetylglucosamine (TAC) rather than to any N-acetylglucosamine-containing carbohydrates. Claims 2, 5, 19 and 22-24 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 13, 14, 16, 19 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Hwang.

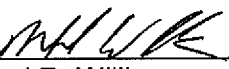
It is believed that the amendments to the claims discussed above overcome these objections as well.

It is further noted that the office action states that 'claims 3, 4, 15, 20 and 21 are objected to for depending from a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.'

It is believed that that is exactly what has been done as discussed above and accordingly, it is believed that the application is in order for allowance.

Further and more favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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